

Sold To Thomas Hicks father and Divissor of the Appellant for a Valuable Consideration on the day of Anno Dom

and Afterw^{as} the Said Thomas Hicks To Witt on the 24 day of July Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and Twenty Devised the Same to his two Sons the Appellants As by his Last Will and Testament duely made and Recorded in the office for probat of Wills in Lib: A. & D. N^o 2 fo^t 311 more fully appears that Mary and Ann Seward the Daughters and Coheris [sic] of William Seward Who was Son and heir of George Seward on the 12 Day of July Anno Dom 1715 Exhibited their bill in Chancery Setting forth that formerly to Witt on or about the 23^d Day of Jan^{ry} Anno Dom 1674 the then Orators Grandfather George Seward Deced duely paid for purchased and Obtained his Lordships the then Lord proprys Common Warrant for takeing up and Surveying One Thousand Acres of Land for his the Said Georges use and by Virtue thereof had Surveyed for him on or about the 17th day of Aprill 1675 by Tho^m Pattison his Lordships then Surveyor of Dorchester County According to the Tenour of the Same Warrant a Tract of Land lying in Dorchester County called Sector laid out for 769 Acres or thereabouts and produced a Certificate thereof to be duely made and returned into his Said Lordships Land office According to the then Condition of Plantations and that the Same Cert remained on the Records and So recited the Certificate as by the Said Bill in this Hon^rble Court Appears and further the Said Complts by their Bills Sett forth that by Virtue of the Warrant of the Warrant [sic] af^d there was on [sic] other Tract of Land Called Cumberland laid out and Surveyed for him the Said George Seward and Certified to Containe One hundred Acres more or less the Cert whereof is recited in the Bill af^d and further the then Comp^lt Set forth that before the S^d George Seward took out Patents for the Said Land he was Impoverished by Various Misfortunes and that he had not Where withall to pay his Just Debts but was forced to depart this province for fear of falling into the hands of Some Merciless Creditor and dying in a Goale that the Said George Seward left there a wife and Children whereof the then Orators father was Son and heir Appearant to the Said George and further Set forth that the Said George Continued Sometime absent Useing his Utmost Indeavours and hard Labour abroad to recover his Circumstances that he might be able to pay what he Owed in this Province and return home but that before he Accomplished his Designs he died And further the Said Bill Comp^lt Set forth that W^m Seward the then Comp^lt father and Son and heir of the Said George on Notice of his the Said Georges Death made Application to his Lordships Land office for Patents for the Said Lands Pursuant to the Certificates thereof And further Set forth that a Cert Thomas Smithson of Talbot County and Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County had prevented the Said W^m by prefering to his [651] Lordship in the absence of him the Said George a Petition which the then Complainant Set forth by their Said Bill Contained in any false Suggestions which Said Petition to-